## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 5 ) Group Art Unit: Unknown In re Application of: Than Nguyen et al. Application No.: Unknown ) Examiner: Unknown 10 Filing Date: Herewith For: METHODS OF MAKING BIOPROSTHETIC HEART VALVES WITH STRAIN MATCHED LEAFLETS 15 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT 20 MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please note the following changes that have been made to the parent specification Serial No. 10/140,085:

Amendments made to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments made to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.